

Stationary Waterfowl Blind License Application

This application for blind license must be presented to the Clerk of the Circuit Court or the singularly assigned License Agent in the County or City in which or nearest which the blind is to be located. Separate applications must be completed for each individual blind license (§29.1-348) [[Where to apply for blind license](#)]

Applicant's Name:	Riparian Landowner's Name: (if different)
Address:	Address:
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip
Phone:	Phone:
ID#:	County Where Located:
Hunting License #:	
HIP #:	

Please specify the *exact* location of the stationary blind. Name the body of water/shoreline (i.e. river, stream) on which the blind is to be located or is opposite the shoreline thereof:

Certification: Execution of Riparian Rights and Prior Right to License Blind Sites *(To be completed on or after July 1 and on or before August 31)*

I certify that: (Check One)

- ☐ I am the Riparian Landowner listed above exercising my riparian rights of exclusive privilege of licensing and erecting blinds on my shoreline and the prior right of licensing and erecting blinds in public waters in front of my shoreline. **This licensed blind site shall be for the purpose of hunting and shooting waterfowl.**
- ☐ I am the lessee who has permission to license, erect and hunt from the above detailed blind site on or in front of the owner of riparian right's shoreline. **This licensed blind site shall be for the purpose of hunting and shooting waterfowl.**
- ☐ I am the permittee who has permission to license, erect and hunt from the above detailed blind site on or in front of the owner of riparian right's shoreline. **This licensed blind site shall be for the purpose of hunting and shooting waterfowl.**
- ☐ Other: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Certification: Non-Riparian Licensing a Stationary Blind Site in the Public Water. *(To be completed on or after September 1 and on or before September 30)*

I certify that I am a Non-Riparian executing my right to license the above detailed unlicensed blind site in the public water, there located in water not having a depth greater than eight feet at mean high tide and is at least 500 yards from any other licensed blind site. **This licensed blind site shall be for the purpose of hunting and shooting waterfowl.**

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: See back of this application for Code of Virginia relating to Duck Blinds and their usage.

When hunting from a licensed blind, the license certificate must be available for inspection by the Game Warden upon demand.
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CODE OF VIRGINIA

§ 29.1-341. Stationary blinds. - Stationary blind means a structure erected at a fixed location either on the shores of the public waters or in the public waters for the purpose of hunting and shooting waterfowl. A stationary blind shall be (i) of such size and strength that it can be occupied by and conceal one or more hunters, or (ii) large enough to accommodate and conceal a boat or skiff from which one or more hunters intend to hunt or shoot waterfowl.

§ 29.1-341.1 Number of stationary blinds permitted; when erected - Clubs or individuals who do not own riparian rights shall be permitted to license no more than two stationary blinds in the public waters in any one season. Stationary blinds shall be erected not later than November 1 of each year. ,

§ 29.1-344. Stationary blinds on shore and in public waters for owners of riparian rights. - Each year , the owners of riparian rights, their lessees or permittees shall have the exclusive privilege of licensing and erecting stationary blinds on their shoreline, and the prior right of licensing and erecting stationary blinds in the public waters in front of their shoreline, to shoot waterfowl over the public waters. Such blinds shall not be located in water having a depth greater than eight feet at mean high tide, nor shall they be located further than halfway across the body of water from the riparian owner's shoreline. When such a license has been obtained and a stake or a stationary blind has been erected on the site with the license for that season properly affixed, no other stationary or floating blind shall be located in the public waters within 500 yards of the licenses site without the consent of the riparian owner, lessee or permittee. Riparian owners, their lessees or permittees may obtain licenses on and after July 1 and on or before August 31 of each year. A stake or a stationary blind shall be erected on the site, and a license plate supplied with the license for that season shall be affixed thereto by August 31. If a stake has been erected on the site of a stationary blind, such stake must be replaced by a blind November 1 pursuant to the provisions of 29.1-341. Such stationary blinds shall conform to the standards prescribed in 29.1-341.

§ 29.1-349. Hunting, erecting blind within 500 yards of licensed blind. - .

A. No person shall hunt or shoot migratory waterfowl in the public waters of this Commonwealth from a boat, float, raft or other buoyant craft or device within 500 yards of any legally licenses erected stationary blind of another without the consent of the licensee, except when in active pursuit of a visible crippled waterfowl which was legally shot by the person.

B. No person shall erect a stationary blind in the public waters within 500 yards of any other licensed blind without the consent of the licensee. Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a trespass, and the affected blind licensee may maintain an action for damages. Furthermore, the trial court shall immediately revoke the blinds owner's license for the stationary blind where the offense was committed. The blind owner may be eligible for a license in the following open season upon the same conditions that would apply to a new applicant. When a license for a stationary blind has been revoked, the blind shall be destroyed by the former licensee or by the game warden.

§ 29.1-351.1. Penalty for violations. - Unless otherwise specified, any person who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.